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Board of Trustees at UNCC

New disruption policy approved

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When the consolidated university disruption policy was passed in 1969, the Board of Trustees agreed to review it within a year.

The year was spent in discussing the controversial policy by a committee of students, faculty, administrators and trustees.

They found the old policy was both too cumbersome and did not delegate sufficient authority to the chancellors since it depended on the president for execution.

In the policy modification according to Victor Bryant, as he addressed the trustees October 26 at UNCC, the trustees took into consideration that they were appointed to represent the people of North Carolina, and that they had delegated certain duties to the university president and the campus chancellors. He also stated that the policies concerning to the students must be fair.

The new policy as accepted Monday leaves the determination of guilt and punishment of students and faculty accused of disruption up to the Chancellor.

Punishment will be administered according to the alternatives of the courts, the student-faculty judicial systems and a hearing committee appointed at the beginning of every school year.

The hearing committee will have the responsibility of determining guilt and



Student Body President Alan Hickok discusses new disruption policy with visiting UNC campus presidents prior to Trustees meeting. (photo by tom alsop)

recommending discipline, but the chancellor has the final say.

Appeal to the university president, the board of trustees and the appropriate courts is not excluded by the policy.

These hearing committee will be made of from 3 to 5 students; and 3 to 5 faculty members. The chancellor is required to get the concurrent opinions of a quorum of the committee.

Trustee William B. Harris of Raleigh proposed an amendment to the modified policy stating that if there were a threat of repeated disruption by an individual then the time factor would be important, and there wouldn't be times to call a quorum of a committee.

But Bryant's characterization of this new disruption policy, as "A document forged in the anvil

of discussion," proved correct as the policy was voted in by an overwhelming majority, after noting the opposition of Tom White who was prevented from attending by a previous engagement.

Chairman Deese of the committee that agonized over the changes said that he doubted that the trustees have been students on college campuses since 1960. This

was a critical date according to Deese, for since that time, "the pursuit of education is not a privilege but a legal right." Deese defended a faculty-student hearing committee, as opposed to summary suspension by the chancellor, for disruption. He said that it protected the university from misjudgement of a chancellor, that it aided and protected the chancellors and the legal consideration of procedure was a necessity.

The trustees were presented with the enrollment figures for the six campuses. The total enrollment of UNC is 45,001 students. UNCC grew most percentage wise with 31.9% increase in students. UNC-CH grew 10.3%.

Committee reports on the needs of other campuses proved that other schools have parking problems. Reporting that Greensboro had a parking problem, Mrs. Stewart B. Warren, who was making the report acknowledged that UNC-G was not as bad as UNCC, since one student told her, "it might take me four hours to find a place to park."

Concluding the financial report, the finance advisory committee chairman, W. Lunsford Crew announced that he was satisfied that "the operation is about as cheap as it can be done."



SAGA on firing line

Journal reporter, Linda McCarley, on assignment to investigate SAGA complaints, interviewed Mr. W. L. Ernest, SAGA Food Director. Her stories can be found on page 5. (photo by mike smith)

Bomb threat, cover for bust?

At 9:30 Tuesday night, the UNCC campus operator received a call from a male with a shaky voice.

His message was simple: "I cannot identify myself, but I advise that you evacuate the dormitory buildings. There has been a bomb planted in the buildings set to go off at a quarter to ten.

She immediately called the campus security police who told her to call the dormitory resident managers, Mrs. Edith Glover and Mrs. Myrtice Jones.

The women immediately relayed the message to the buildings' residents.

The operator then called the Dean of Students, Donald McKay, and director of administration Silas Vaughn. Upon McKay's arrival at the school, he said the security guards searched both Moore and Sanford dorms.

The search proved fruitless, and by 10:15 the students began filing into the dorms.

The word of a bomb scare spread quickly and students gathering their coats and

possessions sped down stairways to the dorms court yard where they milled aimlessly about.

Girls clad in nightdresses were furnished coats by the Men of Moore Hall. Students piled into cars parked close by trying to get warm. Security guards were instructed not to open any more buildings thus preventing students refuge in from the cold.

The students were clutching possessions that included everything from guitars to their flasks, which were passed around.

Students were doubtful of the validity of the bomb threat. There were no fire trucks, no county law enforcement officers, nor was an effort to clear the immediate dorm area of students for safety measures.

As one student put it - "I think it was a cover-up for a (drug) bust."

Whatever the incident was, it scared people. Girls from the Charlotte area, packed to go home, for the night.

The switchboard was jammed since all the students were calling parents and friends to tell them not to worry.